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Applicant now submits the PCT Search Report and Written Opinion. Notably, the Search Report and Written Opinion are based upon the same references as found in the U.S. application. Thus, it is not believed these references need be separately cited.

In addition, applicant now cites a number of references, which disclose various features with regard to initiation of a heat pump. Some of these references also disclose temperature sensors within a hot water heating tank. However, it is believed the claims, as amended, define around all of these references. The PTO 1449 form is attached.

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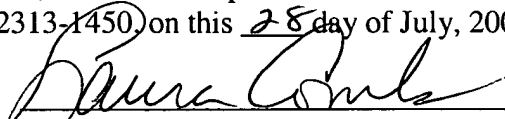


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